

This project would not be a success without the valuable input provided by the public, key stakeholders, the Van Valkenburgh design team, and our numerous partners including the Secret Service and the Federal Highway Administration, which is now managing the construction effort. The end result is a design that successfully satisfies the key criteria to incorporate necessary security measures while respecting the Avenue's historical character. Furthermore, the proposed design is easily reversible and does not preclude reopening Pennsylvania Avenue to vehicular traffic in the future.

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An uncluttered sidewalk, featuring newly designed bollards, will provide a welcoming environment in front of Riggs Bank.



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# PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

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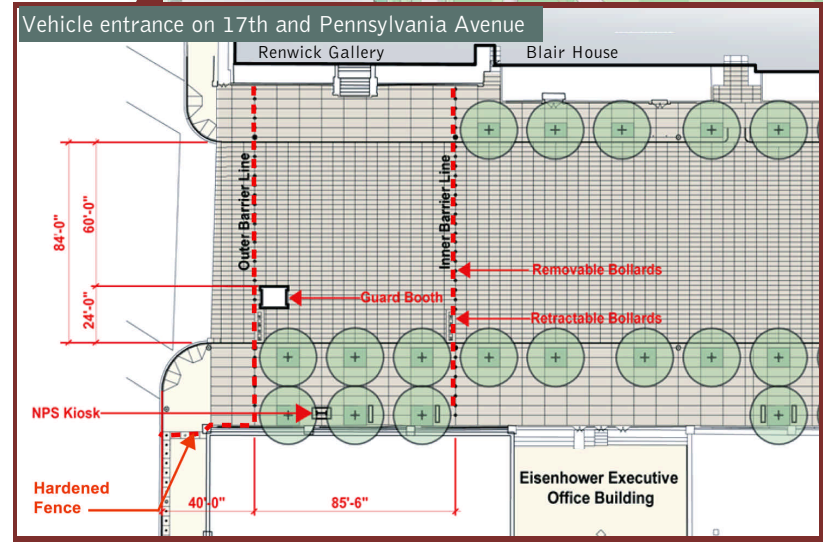
View of the White House from Lafayette Park



A double row of trees will enhance the pedestrian experience along this south section of Pennsylvania Avenue

The final design plans for Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House promise to restore the Avenue to a beautiful and dignified public plaza, befitting of one of the nation's most prominent and visited destinations. The plan, created by Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, will rid the famous street of the ad hoc security barriers currently scattered on Pennsylvania Avenue, and will improve the quality of President's Park. The design enhances the beauty, civic space, and visual quality of the Avenue, and creates a setting appropriate to the White House and President's Park.





The Circulator, a proposed supplement to the downtown transit system, is an important component to re-establish cross-town connectivity. Envisioned as a quick hop-on, hop-off shuttle service with multiple routes, it can be accommodated without detracting from the pedestrian character of the Avenue.